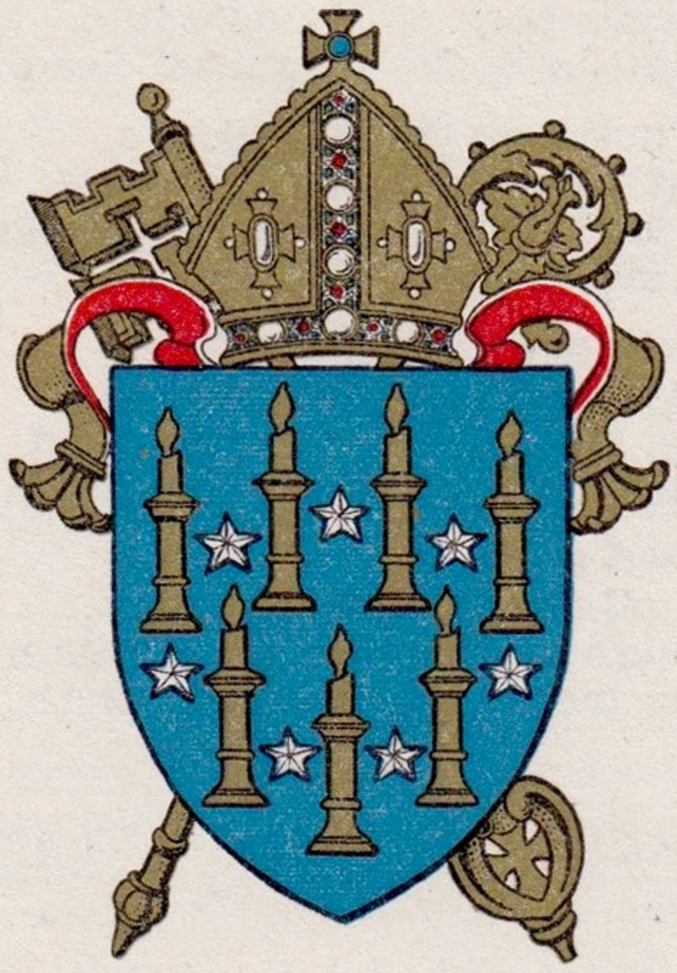
The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine



A Service of Thanksgiving

for the Centennial of the Revival of the Religious Life in the Anglican Communion

April 9, 1945

Order of Service

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Holy Communion and Sermon

11:00 A. M.

AT THE INTROIT, HYMN 276 *St. George*

1 Praise we the Lord this day,
  This day so long foretold,
Whose promise shone with cheering ray
  On waiting saints of old.

2 The prophet gave the sign
  For faithful men to read;
A virgin born of David's line
  Shall bear the promised Seed.

3 Ask not how this should be,
  But worship and adore,
Like her whom heaven's majesty
  Came down to shadow o'er.

4 Meekly she bowed her head
  To hear the gracious word,
Mary, the pure and lowly maid,
  The favoured of the Lord.

5 Blessèd shall be her name
  In all the Church on earth,
Through whom that wondrous mercy came,
The incarnate Saviour's birth. Amen.

¶ *The service is on pages 67-84 in the Prayer Book*

COMMUNION SERVICE A Modal Setting *Shaw*

The Collect

WE beesech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle. Isaiah vii. 10

MOREOVER the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O House of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

GRADUAL (*after the Epistle*), HYMN 277 *Franconia*

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
  For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
  Their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
  Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men
  Their pattern and their King;

3 He to the lowly soul
Doth still himself impart;
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee. Amen.

The Gospel. St. Luke i. 26

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — THE REVEREND ALAN G. WHITTEMORE, O.H.C., D.D.

HYMN 254 — *Lyons*

1 How wondrous and great
Thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints,
And true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee,
And honour thy Name?
Thou only art holy,
Thou only supreme.

2 To nations long dark
Thy light shall be shown;
Their worship and vows
Shall come to thy throne:
Thy truth and thy judgments
Shall spread all abroad,
Till earth's every people
Confess thee their God. Amen.

SERMON — THE RIGHT REVEREND SPENCE BURTON, S.S.J.E., S.T.D.
Bishop of Nassau

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM — *Shaw*

They buried him, and then the soldiers slept;
The city feasted; and the feasters told
How all the crucifyings had been done.

But before the dawn the heavy stone unrolled,
The grave-clothes fell, the Living Form outstept.
Man's many-millioned darkness knew the sun.

We all are buried deep. Arise. Arise
In us, O Living Form, out of this hate,
This greed, this night, this starving in the stone.

Roll back the self-shut boulders of our fate,
That we may know our power and be wise
In the light for ever about us truly known.

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

The Celebrant THE RIGHT REVEREND ROBERT E. CAMPBELL, O.H.C., S.T.D.

The Gospeller THE REVEREND FATHER JOSEPH, O.S.F.

The Epistoler BROTHER CHARLES, S.B.B.

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Conference on *Religious Communities and their Work*

2:30 P. M.

SYNOD HOUSE

THE RIGHT REVEREND WALLACE E. CONKLING, S.T.D.
Bishop of Chicago

Topic: "The Contribution of Religious Communities to the Life of the Church Today"

SISTER ELSPETH, All Saints Sisters of the Poor

Topic: "The Interior Spirit of the Religious Life"

THE REVEREND ALAN G. WHITTEMORE, O.H.C., D.D.

Topic: "The Future of Religious Communities"

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